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The world has been remade. In the new world, ERIK MAGNUS, the man known as MAGNETO, won his war in defense of mutantkind. He has made a better life for all mutants, or Homo Superior, and the world is under his control. Homo Superior live ideal lives and outnumber their genetic predecessors, Homo Sapiens. The remaining Homo Sapiens must live in a world now dominated by mutants.

Welcome to the HOUSE OF M.

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NEW X-MEN

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When the year-end ceremony at the New Mutant Leadership Institute—a training ground for the mutant leaders of tomorrow—is attacked by human terrorists, a new squad of S.H.I.E.L.D. trainees nicknamed the HELLIONS arrive to save the day. The students at the Institute—called the NEW MUTANTS—and the Hellions do not get along. Despite that fact, two members of the separate schools—DAVID ALLEYNE and NORIKO ASHIDA—carry on a relationship in secret.

When the Hellions are given the assignment to track down the human terrorists to a hidden base in Tokyo, Noriko is expelled from her squad. She turns to David for help as she learns the reason she was cut is her baseline *human* father, who happens to lead the terrorist movement. David and his friends agree to help Noriko, especially after learning of a secret project called GENESIS that may be motivating the terrorists to carry out their acts of destruction.

As the Hellions try to track down the terrorists, the New Mutants also travel to Japan, unaware that one of their own (LAURIE GARRISON) is a deep cover S.H.I.E.L.D. operative who has already killed a fellow student to protect her identity. When the New Mutants find the human terrorists, they are assumed to be mutant oppressors! The terrorists immediately spring into defensive mode and attempt to kill Noriko!

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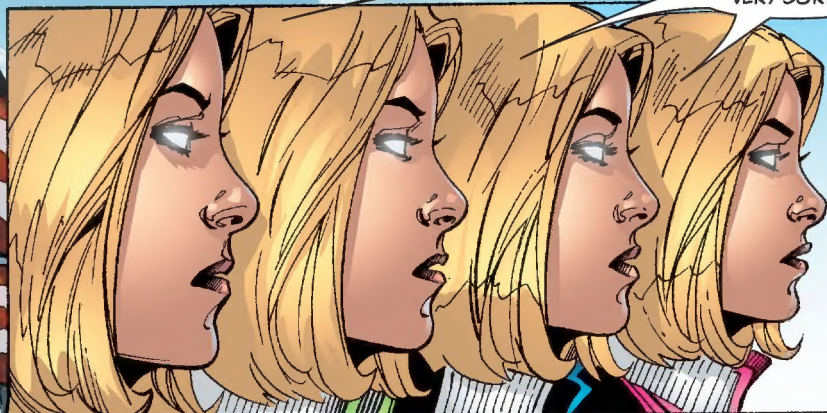
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MORNING...



WE HEARD THE
NEWS, BRIAN. WE'RE
VERY SORRY.

WE
WEREN'T
CLOSE TO
QUENTIN,
BUT--

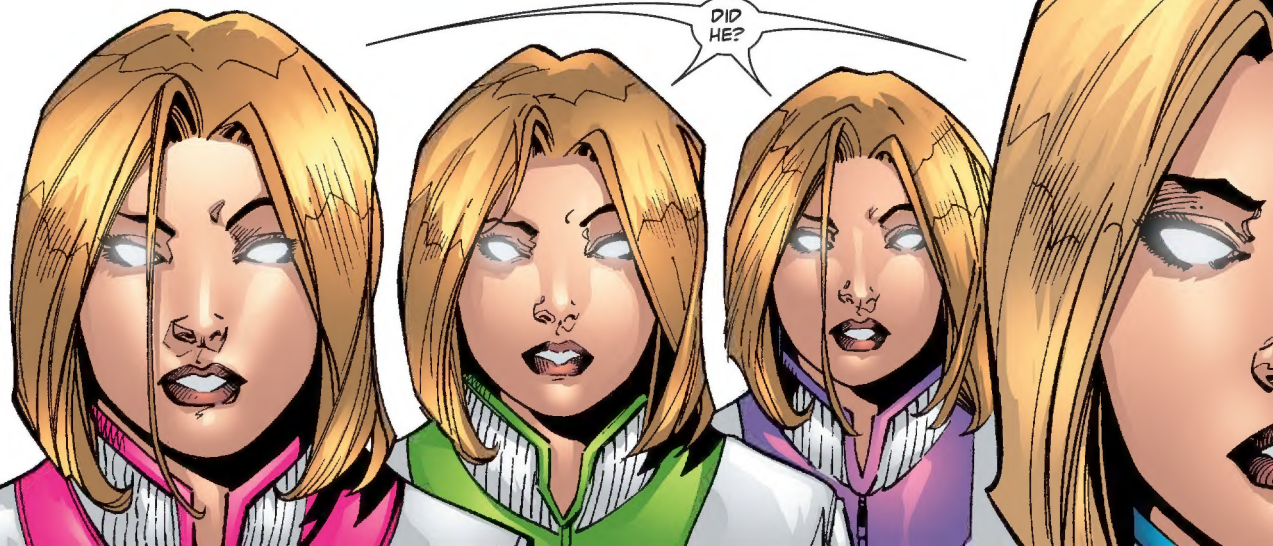


NO ONE
WAS CLOSE TO
QUENTIN!

THAT WAS THE
POINT. THAT'S
WHY HE KILLED
HIMSELF!



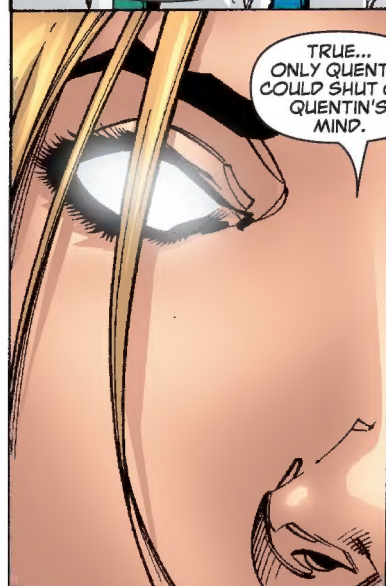
DID
HE?



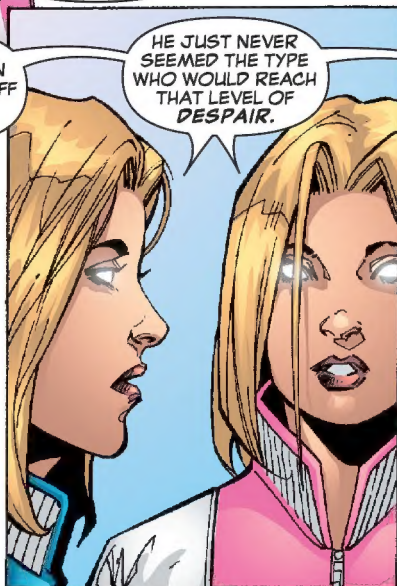


YEAH, HIS MIND WAS SHUT OFF BY TELEPATHY. AND YOU KNOW HOW POWERFUL HE WAS.

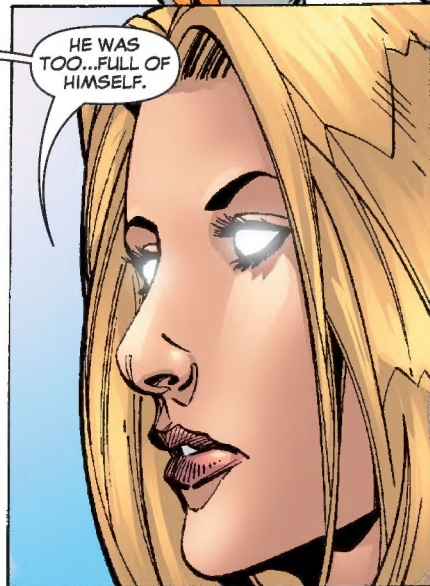
NO OTHER TELEPATH COULD DO THAT TO HIM. NOT EVEN YOU CUCKOOS!



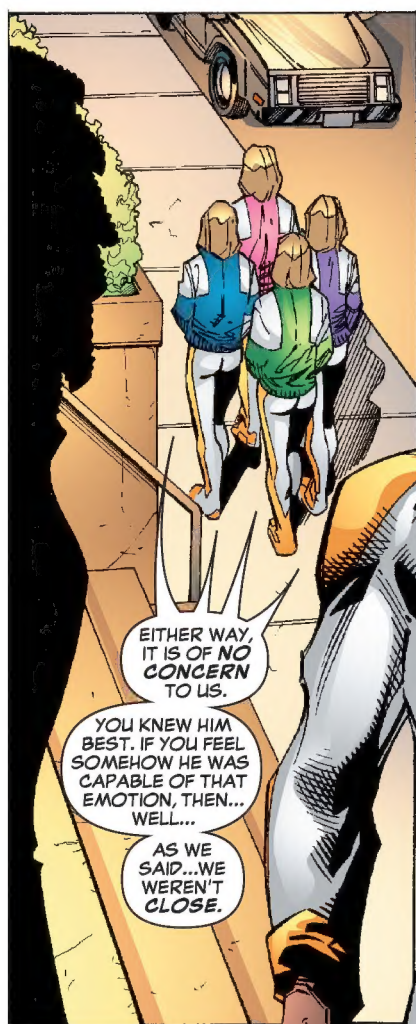
TRUE... ONLY QUENTIN COULD SHUT OFF QUENTIN'S MIND.



HE JUST NEVER SEEMED THE TYPE WHO WOULD REACH THAT LEVEL OF DESPAIR.



HE WAS TOO... FULL OF HIMSELF.

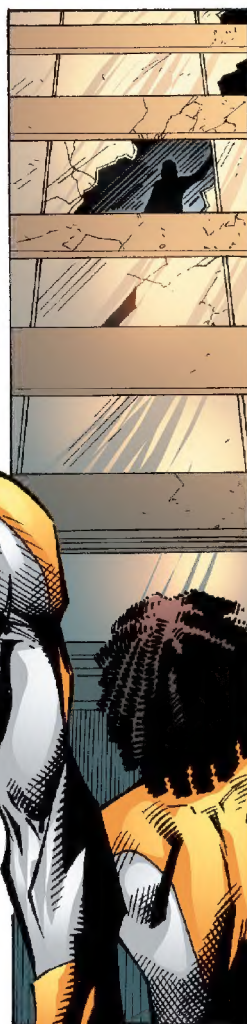


EITHER WAY, IT IS OF NO CONCERN TO US.

YOU KNEW HIM BEST. IF YOU FEEL SOMEHOW HE WAS CAPABLE OF THAT EMOTION, THEN... WELL...

AS WE SAID... WE WEREN'T CLOSE.

WHAT WOULD MAKE HIM FEEL LIKE THAT?



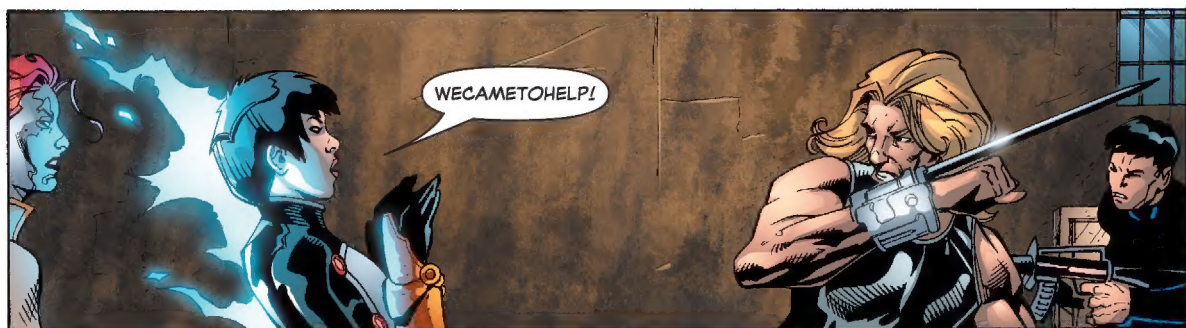


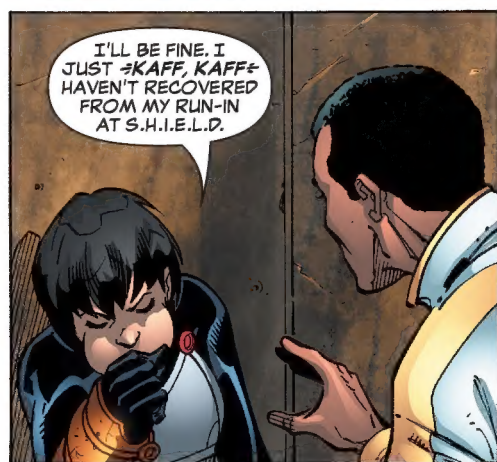
MY NAME
IS DONALD
PIERCE...

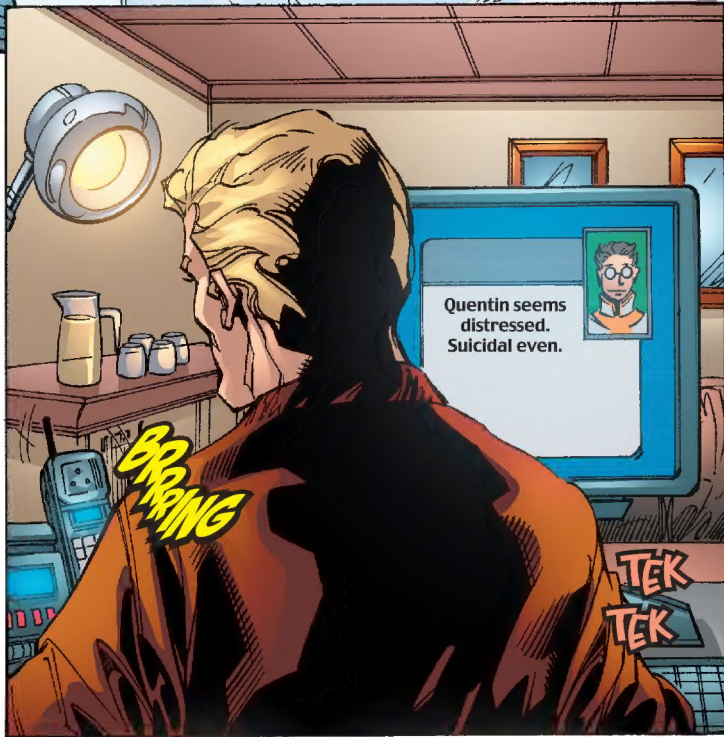
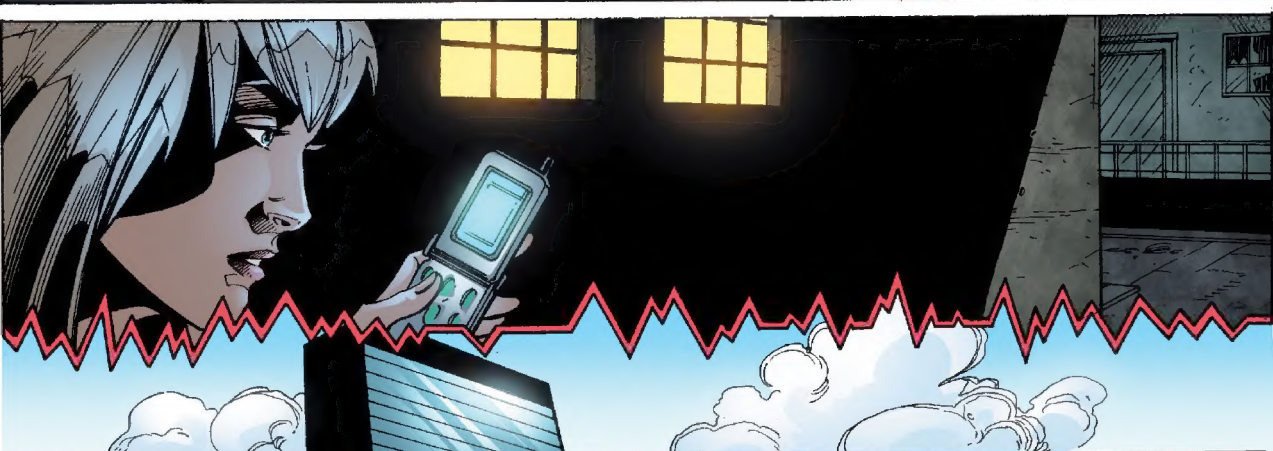
...AND YOU,
HOMO DETRITUS,
HAVE REACHED AN
EVOLUTIONARY
DEAD END.

NORI,
WATCH
OUT!

HOUSE DIVIDED PART
3 OF 4







⊗ FOOD RECYCLING FACILITY, TOKYO

THIS
IS PROJECT
GENESIS? IT'S
DISGUSTING!

IF THIS IS WHAT
THEY'RE TURNING
INTO FOOD, I CAN
SEE WHY THEY'D
KEEP GENESIS A
SECRET.

YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE
WORST OF IT, SYNCH.
THE FOOD...IT BECOMES...
WELL, LET'S JUST SAY
IT MIGHT MAKE ME A
TERRORIST.

GET **SERIOUS**,
HELLIONS. IF THIS IS **ALL**
THERE IS TO PROJECT
GENESIS, THEN WE'RE NO
CLOSER TO FIGURING OUT
THE HUMAN LIBERATION
FRONT'S AGENDA.

BUT THIS IS
WHAT THEY SEEM
TO BE **UPSET**
ABOUT.

IS IT POSSIBLE
EMPEROR SUNFIRE
LIED TO US?

MAYBE--

BDEEP

--HOLD
ON.

AGENT
MOONSTAR.

...YES,
THAT'S
EXCELLENT
NEWS.

WE'VE
FOUND
THEM.

NEW YORK

SOMETHING I CAN HELP YOU WITH, MR. CRUZ?

OH! SORRY, MISS MANH... I'M JUST TRYING TO FIND OUT WHO KILLED QUENTIN.

BRIAN, WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS. FORENSIC EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT HE SHUT OFF HIS OWN MIND.

WHICH HE WOULD ONLY DO IF HE GOT THAT EMOTIONAL... AND IF HE SAW NO OTHER WAY.

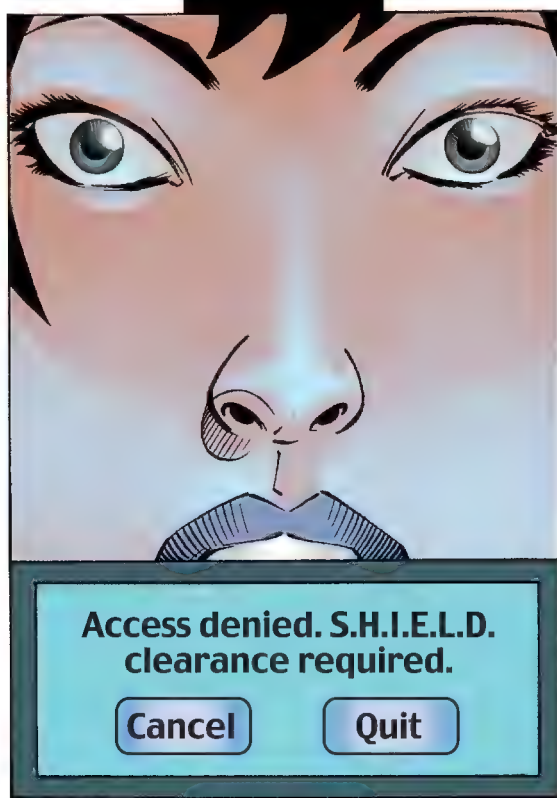
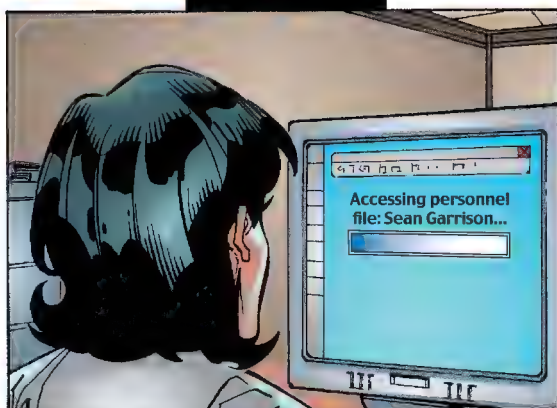
ALL RIGHT...

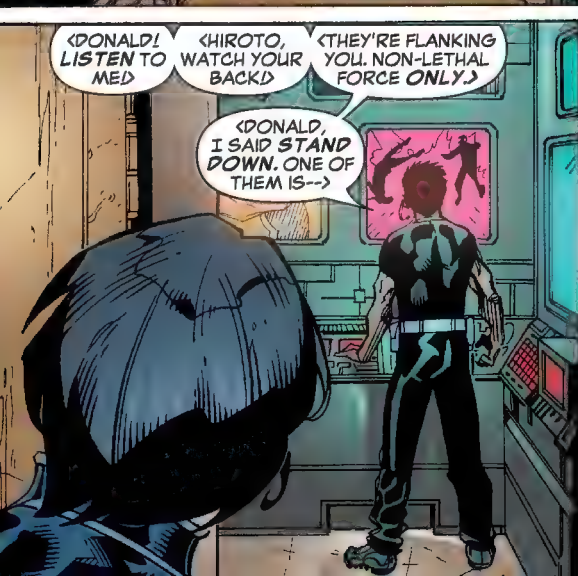
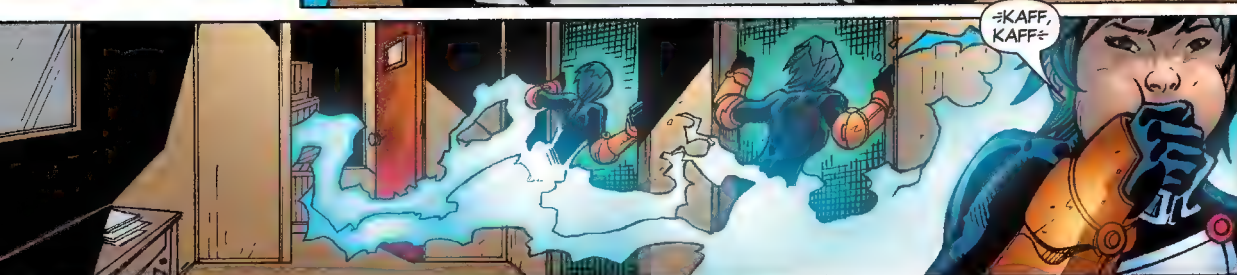
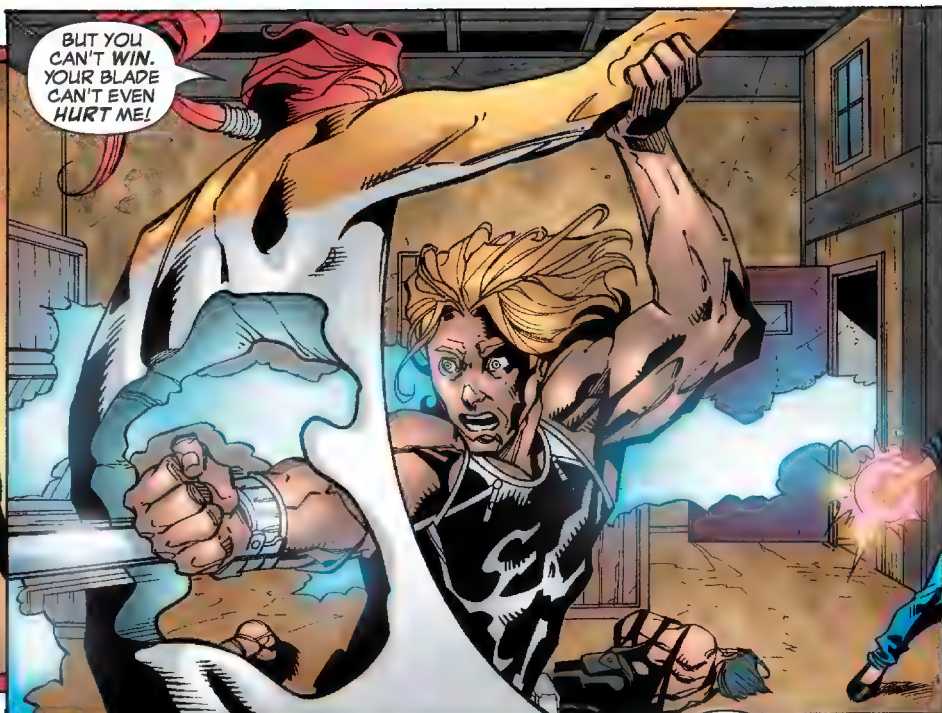
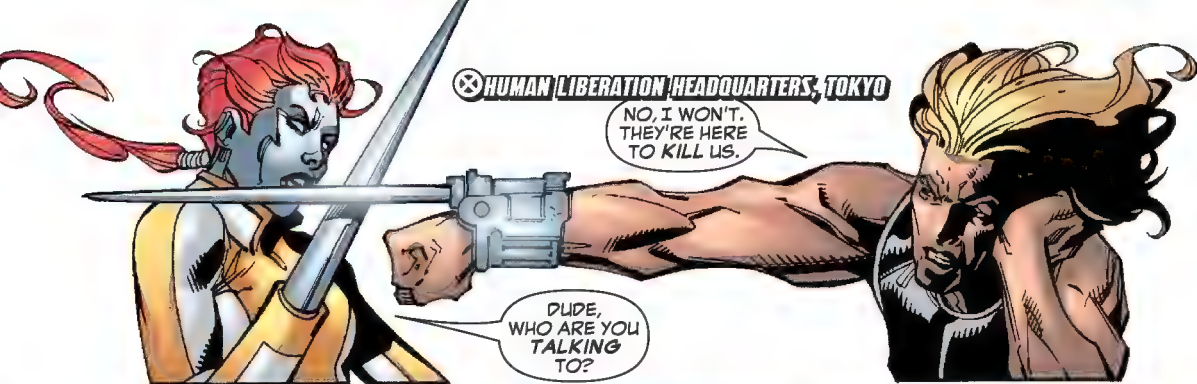
AND, WELL... DR. GARRISON CONTROLS EMOTIONS.

DR. GARRISON? WELL... I SUPPOSE HE COULD DO IT. BUT SO COULD HIS DAUGHTER LAURIE. WHY WOULD EITHER OF THEM DO SUCH A THING?

WELL, THOSE TERRORISTS MENTIONED THE SINS OF JAPAN, RIGHT?

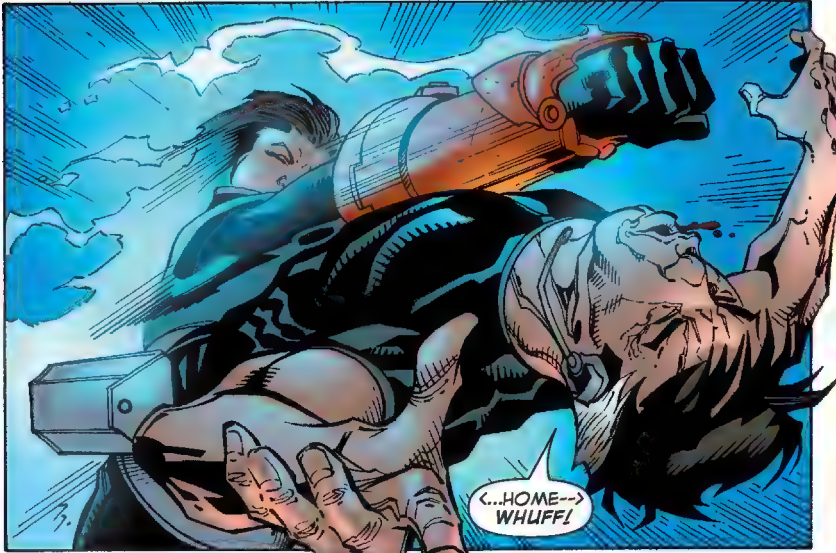
DR. GARRISON'S PERSONNEL FILE SAYS HE SPENT SOME TIME IN JAPAN BEFORE COMING HERE LAST YEAR.







<NORIKO,
YOU'VE
COME...>



<...HOME-->
WHUFF!



<YOU'RE A
TERRORIST
NOW?>

<PEOPLE HAVE
BEEN SENT TO
KILL YOU. MY
PEOPLE.>



-KAFF,
KAFF-

<NORI-CHAN?
WHAT HAS HAPPENED?
ARE YOU WELL?>

<I'M FINE.
YOU NEED TO
CALL OFF YOUR
MEN.

<WE HAVE
TO TALK.>



⊗ LATER...

WE KNOW ABOUT PROJECT GENESIS.

THEN YOU KNOW
WHY WE HAVE NO
INTEREST IN TALKING
WITH YOU.

QUIET,
DONALD.

IF YOU KNOW ABOUT GENESIS, THEN YOU KNOW WHY WE'VE DONE THE THINGS WE'VE DONE, NORIKO.

BUT YOU'RE
GOING ABOUT THIS
THE **WRONG** WAY.
RANDOM VIOLENCE
ISN'T GOING TO
SOLVE THE
PROBLEM.

WE DO WHAT WE MUST TO MAKE
PEOPLE AWARE. WHAT OTHER
CHOICE DID WE HAVE? THERE
AREN'T A LOT OF OPTIONS FOR
BASELINES LIKE US.

BESIDES, IT
WASN'T *RANDOM*
VIOLENCE--

WHY
DON'T YOU JUST
ATTACK GENESIS
DIRECTLY?

BRILLIANT. *GREAT IDEA.* DO YOU HONESTLY THINK A BUNCH OF CHILDREN HAVE THOUGHT OF SOMETHING *WE* HAVEN'T? WE KNOW *WHERE* GENESIS IS. WE JUST DON'T HAVE A WAY INSIDE.

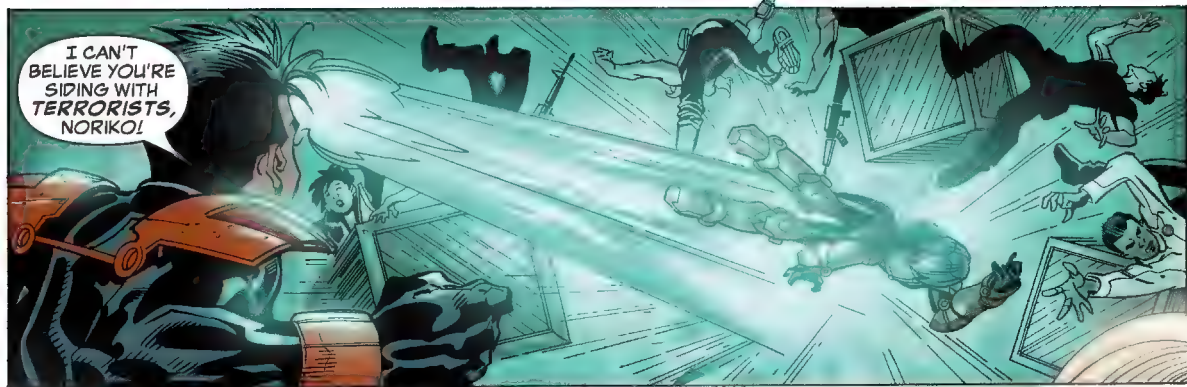
YET.

THEN LET US
HELP YOU. WE
CAN GET YOU
INSIDE.

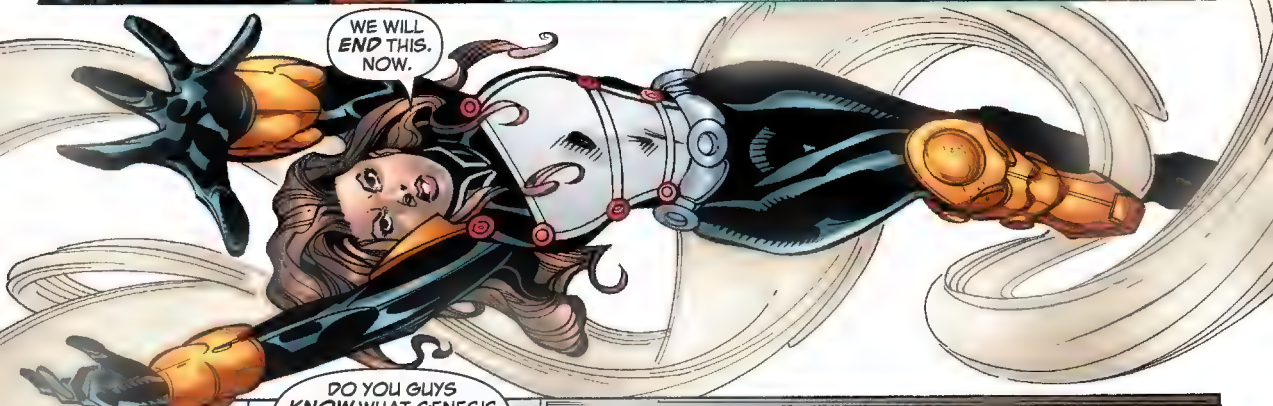
SEE, NOW
THAT'S A REALLY
BAD PLAN...



...YOU GUYS ARE
MAKING A HUGE
MISTAKE AND WE'RE
HERE TO STOP
YOU.

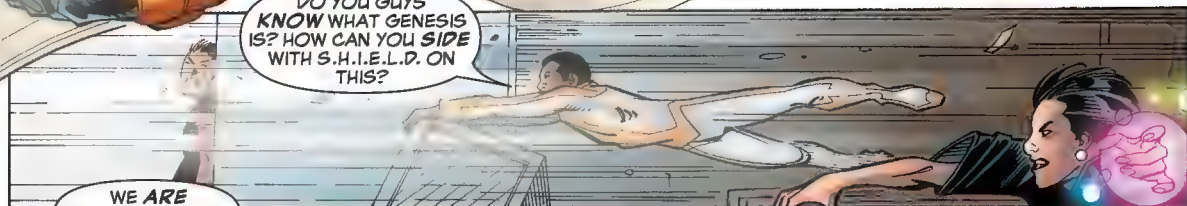


I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE SIDING WITH TERRORISTS, NORIKO!

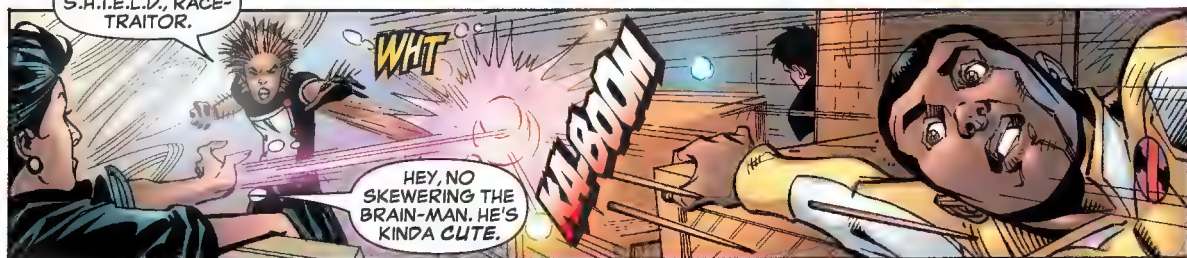


WE WILL END THIS. NOW.

DO YOU GUYS KNOW WHAT GENESIS IS? HOW CAN YOU SIDE WITH S.H.I.E.L.D. ON THIS?



WE ARE S.H.I.E.L.D., RACE-TRAITOR.



WHT

KABOOM

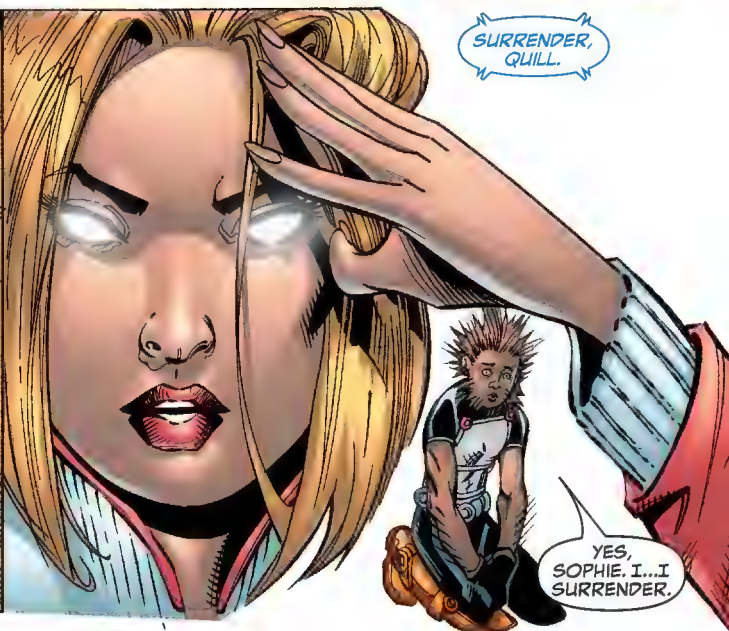
HEY, NO SKEWERING THE BRAIN-MAN. HE'S KINDA CUTE.



YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FOCUS LONG ENOUGH TO STEAL ANYONE'S POWERS, SYNCH.

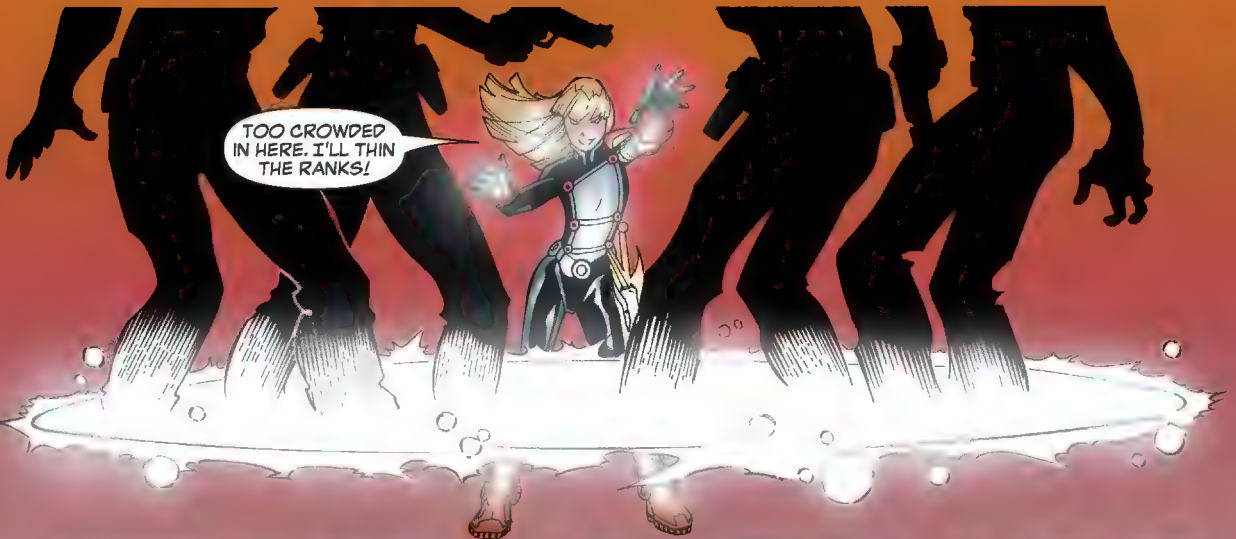
YOU THINK DAVID'S CUTE, JUBES?

=KAFF, KAFF=




SURRENDER, QUILL.

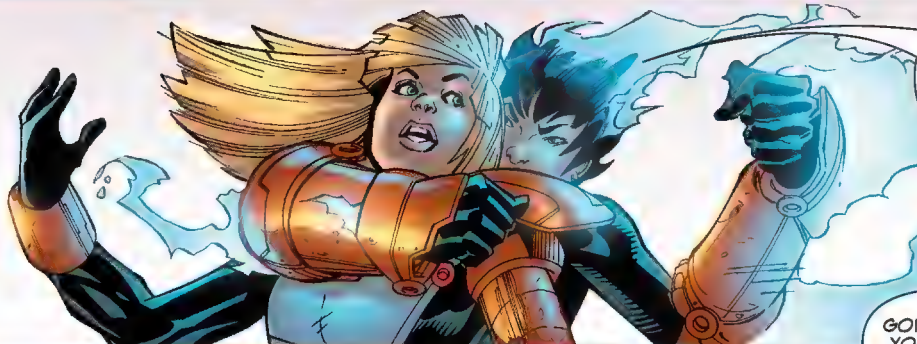
YES, SOPHIE. I...I SURRENDER.



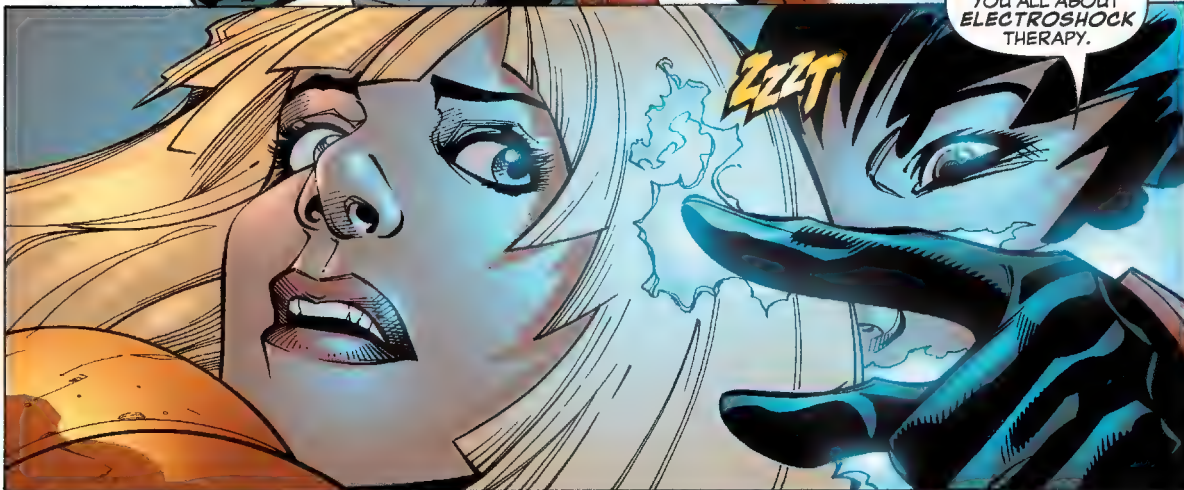
TOO CROWDED
IN HERE. I'LL THIN
THE RANKS!



YOU'RE THE ONE
WHO TOOK MY SPOT
ON THE SQUAD
RIGHT?
THE TELEPORTER!

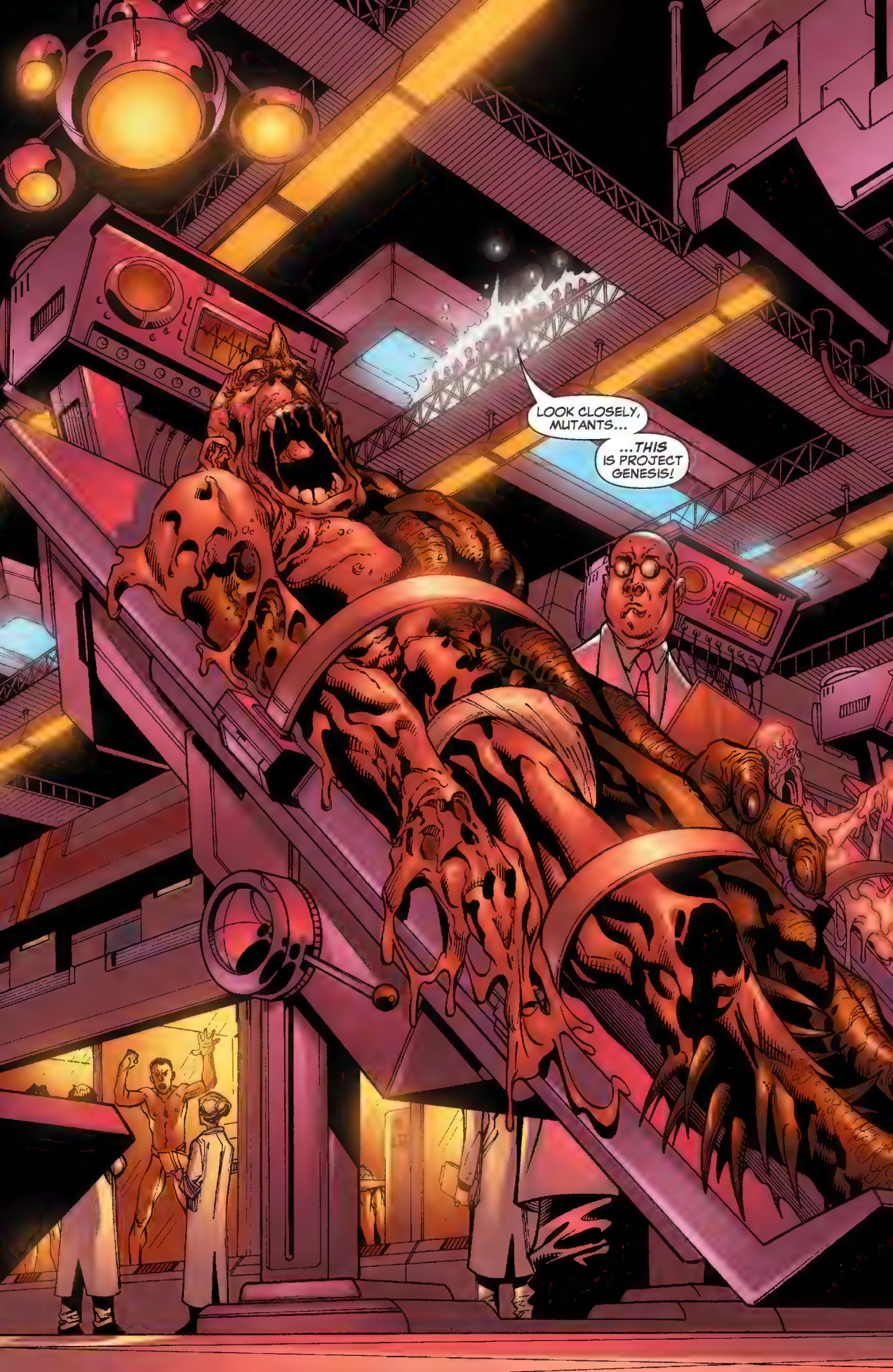


MY FATHER
KNOWS WHERE
GENESIS IS.
AND YOU'RE
GONNA GET US
INSIDE...



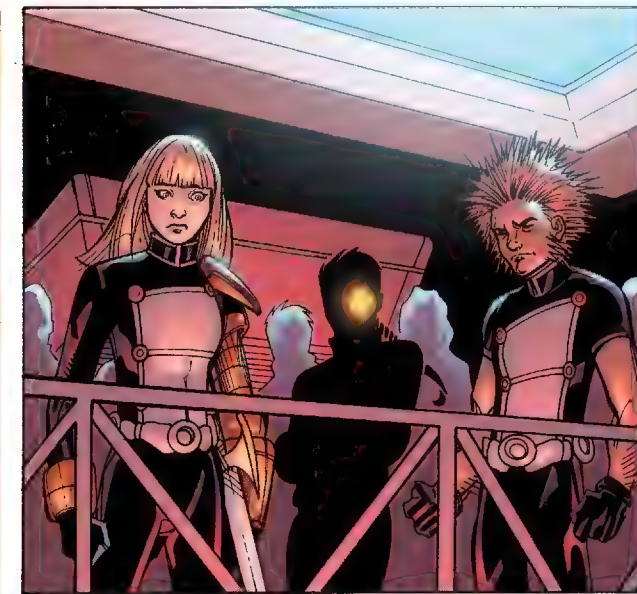
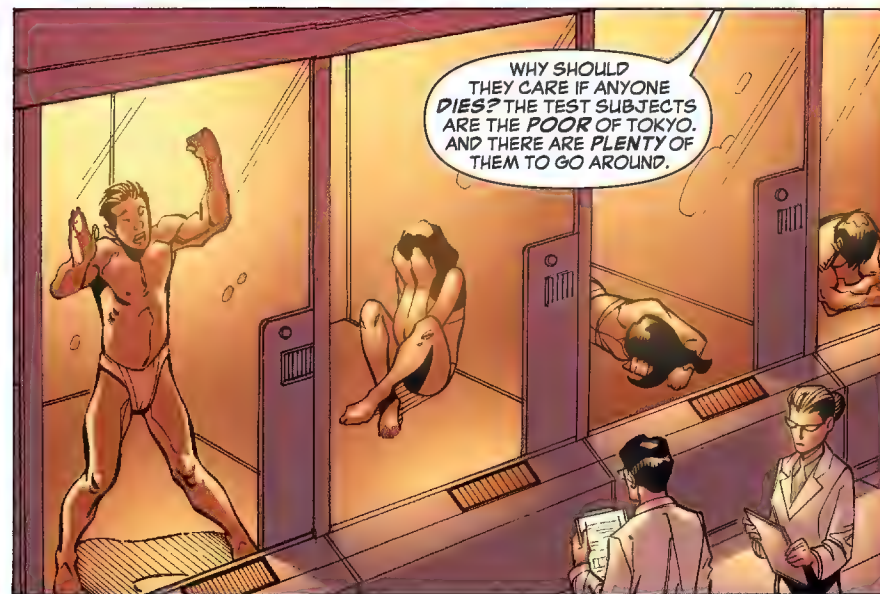
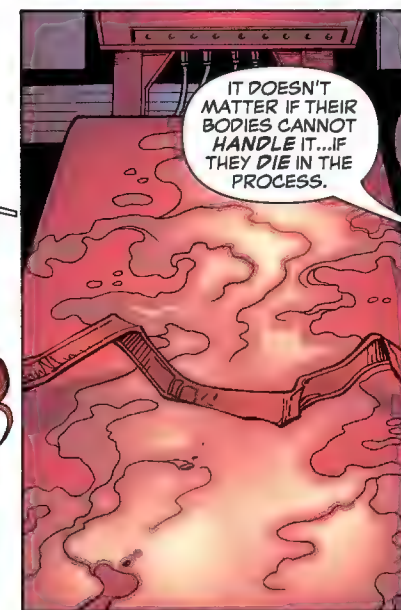
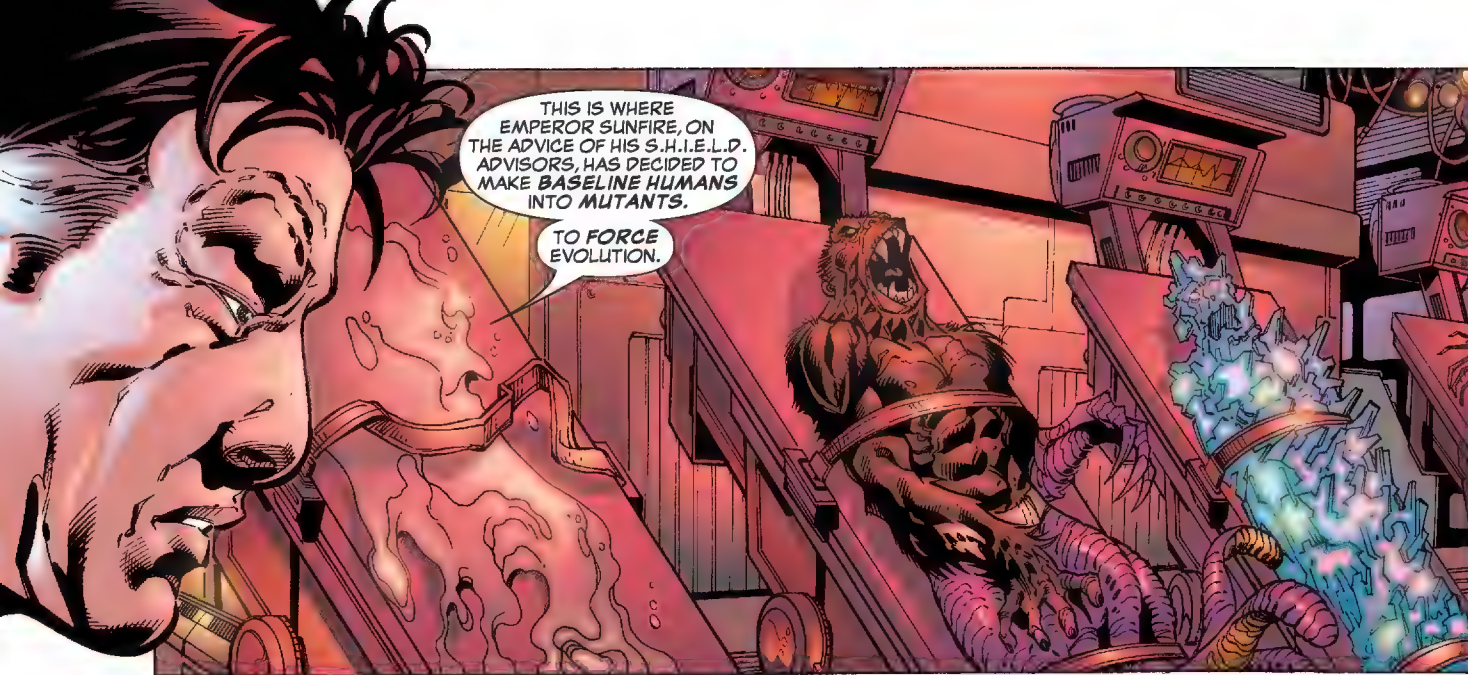
...OR I'M
GOING TO TEACH
YOU ALL ABOUT
ELECTROSHOCK
THERAPY.

ZZZZT



LOOK CLOSELY,
MUTANTS...

...THIS
IS PROJECT
GENESIS!



NEW YORK

DOUG, I
NEED YOUR
HELP.

RIGHT...HELP
BREAKING INTO
S.H.I.E.L.D.
FILES.

I'VE MASTERED
ALMOST EVERY LANGUAGE
ON THE PLANET, SHAN. WHY DO
PEOPLE ALWAYS COME TO ME
FOR ILLEGAL COMPUTER
HELP?

COMPUTER LAB

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YOU'RE
A GOOD
MAN, DOUG
RAMSEY.

REMEMBER THAT
WHEN IT'S TIME FOR
HOLIDAY BONUS
CHECKS.

DR. GARRISON,
HUH? LET'S GET INTO
HIS FILE AND SEE WHY
IT'S CLASSIFIED.

WOW...HE'S A
S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT.
DEEP COVER.



I THOUGHT HE WAS A TV PSYCHOLOGIST! HOW IS IT POSSIBLE HE'S A S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT?

FIND OUT WHAT HE WORKED ON IN JAPAN.

DON'T TOUCH THAT!

I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN FIND. BUT I'LL HAVE TO ACCESS S.H.I.E.L.D.'S JAPAN DIVISION. IT'S NOT IN THE MAIN FILES...



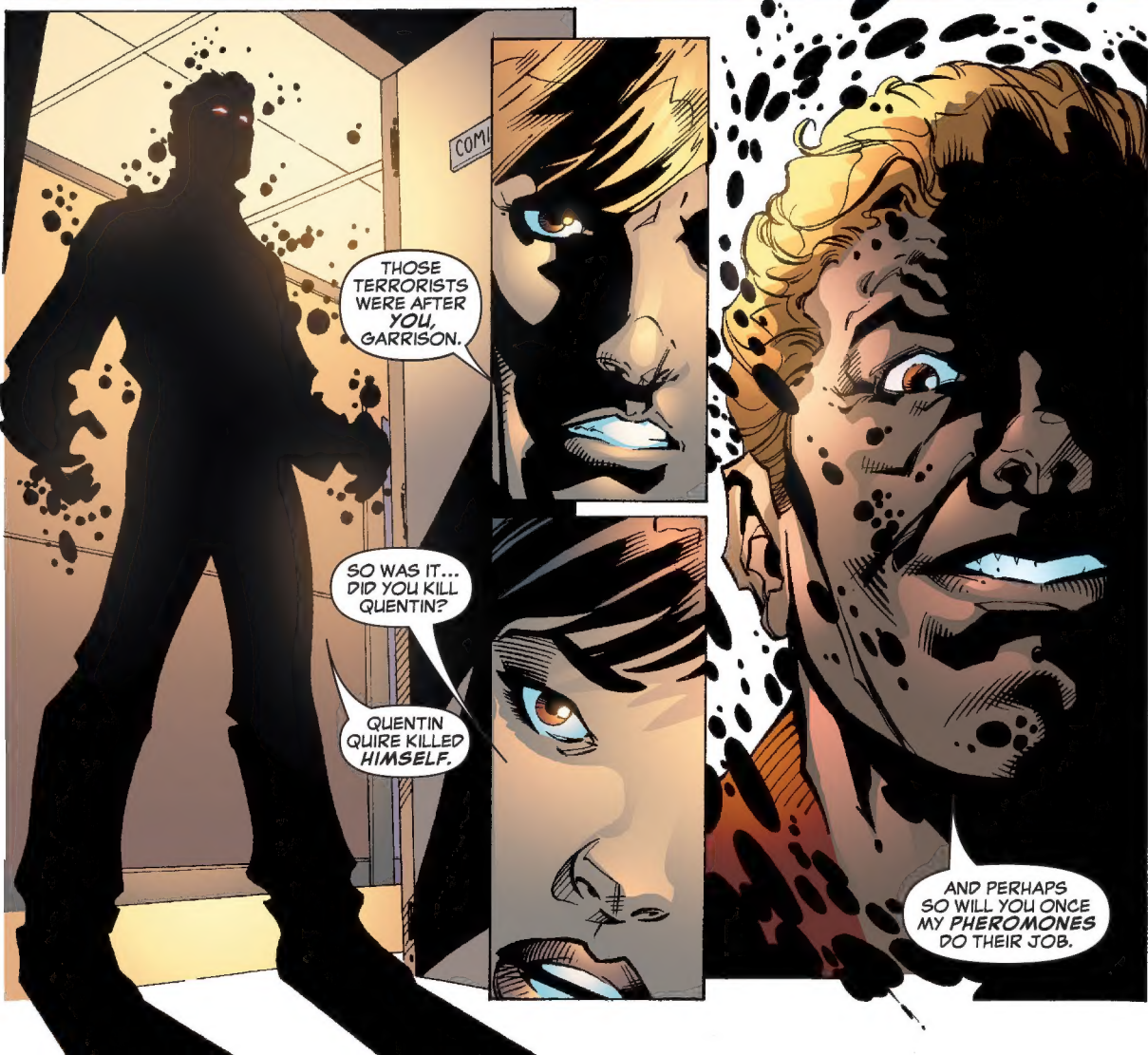
LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING CALLED PROJECT GENESIS.

WHAT'S THAT?



THE NEXT STEP IN HUMAN EVOLUTION. A WAY TO GET THE SAPIENS TO ACHIEVE THEIR TRUE POTENTIAL.

MY IDEA.



THOSE TERRORISTS WERE AFTER YOU, GARRISON.

SO WAS IT... DID YOU KILL QUENTIN?

QUENTIN QUIRE KILLED HIMSELF.

AND PERHAPS SO WILL YOU ONCE MY PHEROMONES DO THEIR JOB.

TOKYO

THIS ISN'T
RIGHT. WE'RE HOMO
SUPERIOR. WE SHOULD
BE BETTER THAN
THIS!

WE DON'T HAVE
ORDERS TO SHUT
DOWN THIS OPERATION
OR TO **DEFY** EMPEROR
SUNFIRE.

WE CAN LODGE
A **PROTEST**. BUT
WE CAN'T TAKE
ACTION.

ACTION IS
WHAT WE'RE
ABOUT. PROTEST
WON'T CUT IT.

I STAND
WITH JULIAN
ON THIS.

YOU DIDN'T
KNOW ABOUT
THIS, DID
YOU?

NONE
OF YOU
KNEW...

I'M SCANNING
THEIR MINDS, DAVID.
THIS IS A SURPRISE
TO EVERYONE.

EXCEPT...
LAURIE,
NO...

YOU PEOPLE
ARE **USELESS!**
THE NEW MUTANTS
WERE SUPPOSED
TO LEAD ME TO
THE TERRORISTS!
AND THE HELLIONS
WERE SUPPOSED
TO **SHUT THEM
DOWN!**

BUT THIS HAS
BECOME SOME
SORT OF SAPIEN
LOVEFEST!



THE HELLIONS
DON'T LIKE THE NEW
MUTANTS. AND THE
FEELINGS ARE
MUTUAL.

AND THE
TERRORISTS
HATE YOU
ALL.

SO IT'S
TIME YOU
STARTED
ACTING
ON IT.

SO WHY
DON'T YOU ALL
START KILLING
EACH OTHER!

 **TO BE CONTINUED...**